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1. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH DRAFT IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS SUBMITTED REFTEL WITH FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS (NUMBERING REFERS TO CONDITIONS AS LISTED IN REFTEL):
ITEM 2 (C) - WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATE LANGUAGE: "THE RECEIVING SIDE WILL BEAR THE COST OF THE INTERNAL TRAVEL OF EACH PARTICIPANT FROM THE CAPITAL TO THE PLACE OF STUDY. IN ADDITION, THE RECEIVING SIDE WILL BEAR THE COST OF ALL TRAVEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROGRAM OF STUDY IF THIS TRAVEL IS INCLUDED IN THE STUDY PROPOSAL AGREED TO BY THE RECEIVING SIDE AT THE TIME THE PARTICIPANT IS ACCEPTED. ALL TRAVEL OVER AND ABOVE THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPANT."

ITEM E (1) - " A BOOK ALLOWANCE FOR STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS OF 2500 LEI FOR THE AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS AND $200 FOR THE ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS TO BE PAID WITH THE FIRST MONTHLY STIPEND."

ITEM E (2) - " . . . FOR AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS THE AMOUNTS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS. GRADUATE STUDENTS, 3000 LEI PER
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MONTH STIPEND AND 165 LET PER DAY HOUSING ALLOWANCE; RE-

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SEARCHERS, 4,500 LEI PER MONTH PLUS 165 LET PER DAY HOUSING STIPEND; LECTURERS, 4,500 LET PER MONTH PLUS HOUSING PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY."

ITEM F - ACCESS TO MATERIALS NECESSARY " TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM OF STUDY AND RESEARCH AGREED TO BY THE RECEIVING SIDE WHEN THE PARTICIPANT IS ACCEPTED."

ITEM B UNDER SHORT-TERM VISITS - ". . . FOR ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS AND LODGING AND 150 LEI PER DAY FOR U.S. PARTICIPANTS."

2. THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO RAISE THE U.S. STIPEND FOR ROMANIAN GRADUATE STUDENTS SUBSTANTIALLY. IN ITEM E (2) OF REFTEL, WE ASSUME THAT "SENIOR RESEARCHERS" REFERS TO ROMANIAN LECTURERS. THE $690 FIGURE SHOULD EASE SOMEWHAT THE NEED FOR HOST UNIVERSITIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE MONTHLY STIPEND. THE $540 PER MONTH FIGURE FOR "RESEARCHERS" IS ADEQUATE. THE DISPARITY, HOWEVER, BETWEEN THE GRADUATE STUDENT AND RESEARCHER CATEGORY MUST BE NARROWED. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD A ROMANIAN NOMINATED IN THE "RESEARCHER" CATEGORY RECEIVE $690 SINCE HIS QUALIFICATIONS ARE RARELY DIFFERENT FROM SO-CALLED "GRADUATE STUDENTS." IN OUR VIEW, $310 PER MONTH IS INADEQUATE FOR MAINTENANCE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO A RISE IN THE FIGURE.
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